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you mean to say that after several years, MILLIONS of \$\$\$ (paid by taxpayers like me), and TWO favorable verdicts, suddenly NOW you decide on a "consent decree"???

if you really believe the MS has gained and maintains an illegal monopoly (and 2 federal courts agreed with you) then WHAT ABOUT PENALTY? is it really good enough to say "go and sin no more"? NO it is not!

Recall the 1996 Microsoft consent decree was designed to prevent similar illegal behavior: why should you expect the current decree to have a more profound effect? And what about the fact MS, through illegal means, now holds a profitable monopoly? your terms do NOTHING to remedy this situation, and nothing to even the scales of competition. how about requiring OPEN FILE formats for Office apps?

thanks for WASTING my money on a TOOTHLESS settlement. i will return the favor in the voting booth, then you can all just get jobs for Bill Gates directly.

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